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is address the area of domestic violence and protection orders. And there was a federal crime bill that was passed and went into effect actually for September 13th, 1996, that required all states to waive and not require any fees in the connection with the filing of any services of a warrant for a protection order, issuing that protection order that all those fees be waived. Currently, across the state an awful lot of areas do. places, there were some charges. It needs to be in statute that we do waive those fees, and what it means to the state in the area of federal funding is about \$1.1 million each year so far. There is a handout on your desk from the Crime Commission that explains that, and what the cost can be. Last year, we...the Crime Commission did get a waiver because of an amendment that we had on Senator Lindsay's bill addressing this, but it's imperative that we show in statutes that those fees are waived. There is a small caveat there, that will not affect anything as far as federal funding to the state that would allow judges to charge fees if a protection order is sought in bad faith, and at a final hearing, costs associated with filing or issuance or service of a protection order may be assessed against the That will not affect the fund...the federal adverse party. funding. So what it does is to waive fees, all fees, either for issuance or servicing. The county sheriffs, if concerned about your county sheriffs, the County Sheriffs Association has sent a letter, they support the bill. They are not concerned about waiving that fee. And I would ask you to advance the bill, especially considering what it could mean in loss in federal revenue to the Violence Against Women Act, that would cost us a lot of money in the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Beutler, discussion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hillman, a quick question, if I may. In Section 2 of the bill, there are some provisions that relate...relating to forms and making available to folks...

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...certain types of forms. And the last sentence of Section 2 says these forms shall be the only forms used in this state, and I was wondering if you could elaborate a